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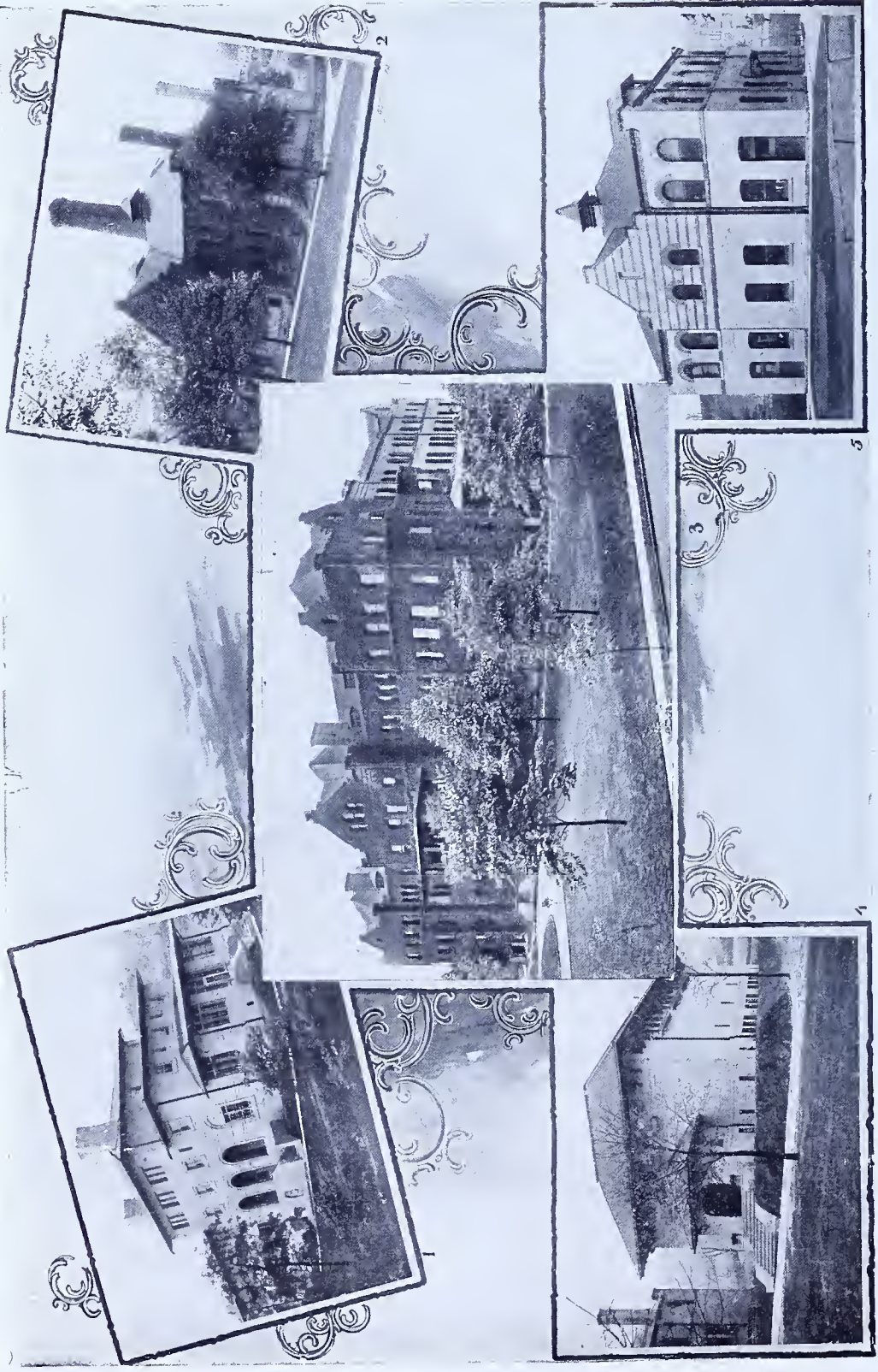


Presented to the Corporators

at their

Annual Meeting, June 13th, 1927

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



OUR PRESENT GROUP OF BUILDINGS

- 1—Kindergarten Cottage.
- 2—Power House and Laundry.
- 3—Porterfield Memorial Gymnasium.
- 4—Teachers' Cottage and Industrial Building.
- 5—Main Building.

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5—L. M. Plumer
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7—George D. Edwards
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9—W. W. Blackburn

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Those whose terms expire in June, 1929:

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Those whose terms expire in June, 1930:

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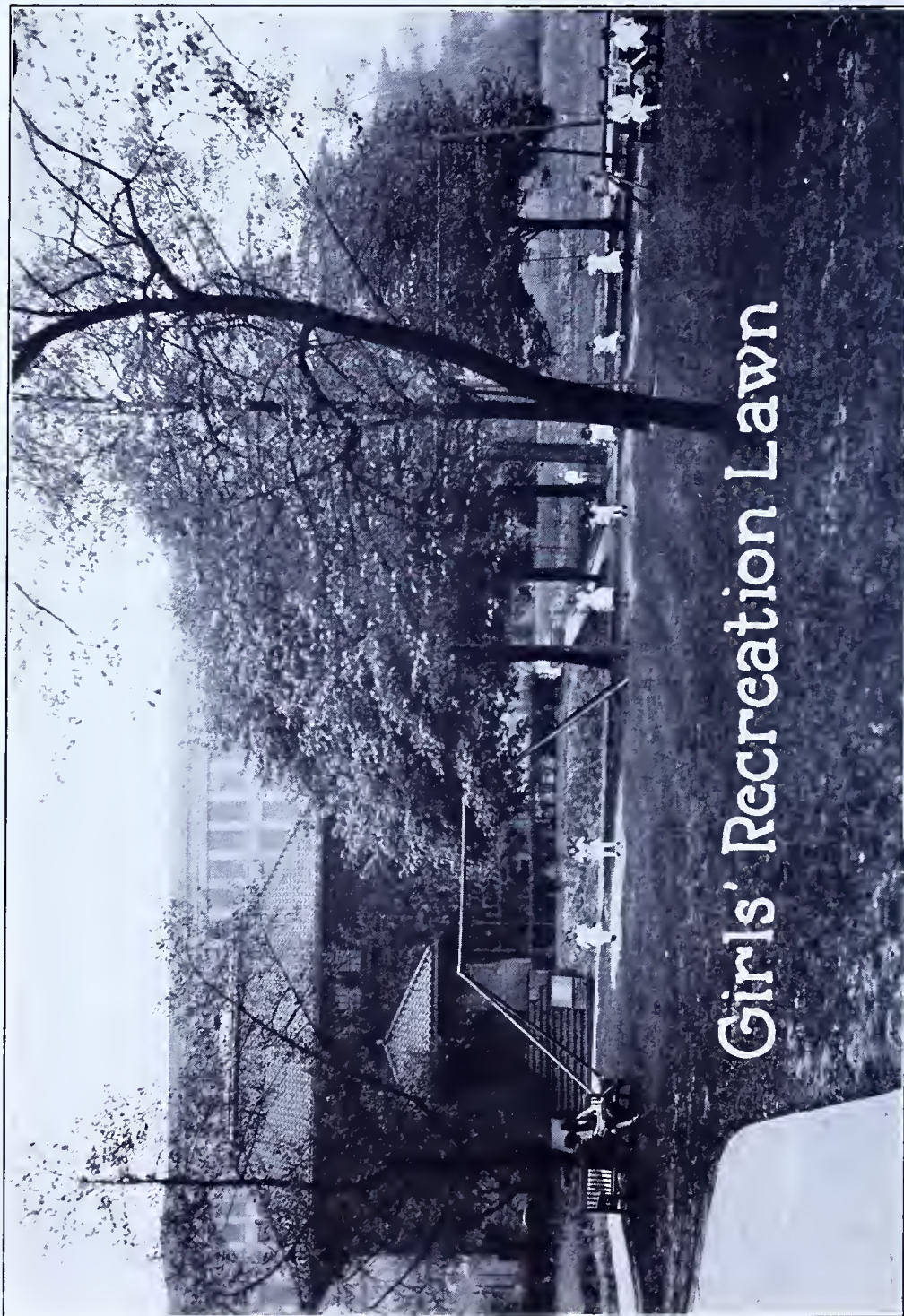
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Matron, Kindergarten

Asst. Girls' Matron

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Ophthalmologist

Clinic

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General Information

THE Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind is a school for children in the western section of the State who are blind or whose eyesight is so defective as to prevent them from receiving an education in the public schools. The course of study is similar to that given in the public and high schools. Instruction is also given in vocal and instrumental music, industrial and household occupations, and physical training.

Careful attention is given to the comfort and welfare of each child, both in class and out of class. The school is non-sectarian and is incorporated under the laws of the State. Candidates for admission must be of school age, capable of education, of good moral character, and free from chronic infection.

Parents or guardians are required to defray all traveling expenses and supply a sufficient quantity of good, comfortable clothing, plainly marked with the full name of the child. A clothing list is sent with the notice for admission and must be accurately filled out and returned when the child enters the school, so that proper record of all clothing may be kept. A contingent fee of five dollars should be deposited for repairing shoes and glasses, dry cleaning, and other incidental expenses likely to be incurred during the session.

Parents or guardians are kept well informed as to the condition of their children, and in case of serious illness, are immediately notified by telephone or telegram. All pupils must be removed from the school at the close of each term and at any other time when necessity requires. Whenever there is contagious disease in a pupil's home, parents must advise the Superintendent at once so that proper precaution can be taken to prevent bringing it into the school.

Visitors are cordially welcomed to see the work of the school at any time.

The ground on which the school is built was presented by Mrs. Mary E. Schenley, and a large portion of the money for the erection of the buildings was bequeathed by Miss Jane Holmes and Mr. John Porterfield. This property is held in trust for the blind by a Board of Corporators.

Carnegie Institute, including Art Galleries, Museum, Library, and Music Hall, Syria Mosque, Soldiers' Memorial, Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of Pittsburgh, Schenley High School, Schenley Park, and other places of interest in this beautiful and educational section of the city are convenient and afford splendid advantages for our students.

The school is located in Pittsburgh at the corner of Bellefield Avenue and Bayard Street, and can be easily reached from almost any part of the city by various lines of electric cars. Nos. 71, 73, 75, 76, and 82 come within two blocks of the school.

Blank forms of application for admission will be furnished at any time by the Superintendent, but no child will be admitted until an application has been returned, with all questions satisfactorily answered, and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Superintendent will appreciate receiving the name and address of any child eligible for admission.

The following is a list of counties from which pupils may be enrolled in this school:

Allegheny	Clearfield	Jefferson
Armstrong	Crawford	Lawrence
Beaver	Elk	Mercer
Bedford	Erie	Mifflin
Blair	Fayette	McKean
Butler	Forest	Potter
Cambria	Fulton	Somerset
Cameron	Greene	Venango
Center	Huntingdon	Washington
Clarion	Indiana	Warren
	Westmoreland	

Extracts from the Pennsylvania State School Code, dealing with the education of blind pupils, are printed at the back of this report.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 13, 1927.

The Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Board of Corporators of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind was held in the school parlors Monday afternoon, June 13, at four o'clock, with President Schoonmaker presiding.

The following members were present in person or by proxy: Messrs. J. M. Schoonmaker, Hugh Thomson Kerr, W. W. Blackburn, Wm. M. Furey, Taylor Alderdice, James H. Hammond, L. M. Plumer, Finley H. Lloyd, Norwood Johnston, Joseph Horne Holmes, William U. Follansbee, A. Edward Niemann, J. Clyde Markel, H. W. Croft, George D. Macbeth, I. D. Metzger, Lewis W. Hicks, William R. Scott, George D. Edwards, James H. Lockhart, H. R. Latimer, David A. Reed, H. L. Mason, Jr., J. B. Yohe, Howard Heinz, Benjamin Thaw, Mrs. Harmar D. Denny, Miss Mary I. Jackson, and Mrs. Watson Marshall.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr.

On motion made and duly seconded, Mr. William M. Furey was elected Secretary of the meeting.

On motion, the minutes of the 1926 meeting were approved as printed in the Annual Report.

The report of the Board of Directors, submitted by President Schoonmaker, was read.

The report of the Treasurer, Joseph Horne Holmes, was read and showed the following balances: General Fund, \$1,294.37; Special Fund, \$22,673.20.

The Superintendent, B. S. Joice, reported on the activities and progress of the school during the past year.

The reports of the Visiting Physician, Ophthalmologist, and Dental Surgeon were also submitted

All of these reports were accepted and instructions were given for their publication in the Annual Report. the Treasurer's report to have appended thereto the certificate of the auditors.

Messrs. James H. Hammond, John Crossan Dilworth, and W. W. Blackburn, whose terms of office expired at this time. were unanimously re-elected to succeed themselves.

There was passed a very cordial and unanimous vote of appreciation for contributions and courtesies received during the year, and instructions were given that a list of these be printed in the Annual Report.

A special vote of thanks was extended to our Counselor, Mr. L. M. Plumer, our Ophthalmologist, Dr. J. Clyde Markel, and our Dental Surgeon, Dr. H. E. Friesell, for their services to our pupils during the past year, and they were unanimously re-elected for the coming year.

A special vote of thanks was extended to Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, honorary auditors of the school, for services rendered, and they were unanimously re-elected for another year.

A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. W. L. Mayer, Director of Music at the school, for his long and faithful service to the school, and instructions were given that it be recorded in the minutes of this meeting that it is with very deep regret that his resignation is being accepted by our Board.

Instructions were given the Superintendent to have printed seven hundred fifty copies of the Annual Report, to be published this year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Receipts and Disbursements

June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1927.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts		Disbursements	
Bank Balance May 31, 1926	\$ 168.32	Education and Maintenance	\$102,901.33
From State of Pennsylvania	89,643.83	Bank Loans Repaid	54,000.00
From Juvenile Court—Home Finding	752.80		
From Refund-account Insurance	13.05		
From Refund-account Railroad Fare	20.00		
From Bank Loans	67,500.00		
From Rent—County Commissioners	70.00		
From Interest—Bank Balance	27.70	Bank Balance May 31, 1927	1,294.37
	<u>\$158,195.70</u>		<u>\$158,195.70</u>

NOTE: Vouchers for May 1926 are included in the amount \$102,901.33

SPECIAL FUND

Receipts		Disbursements	
Bank Balance May 31, 1926	\$ 10,131.81	Interest on \$15,800.00	\$ 800.98
Requests	1,500.00	C. L. Taylor Library	533.05
Contributions	568.66	J. M. Schoonmaker fund	36.35
Interest:		Special—Christmas	18.95
On Bank Balances	356.48	Miscellaneous	2,167.77
On Mason Estate Bequest	854.32		
On Marvin Estate Bequest	235.00		
On C. L. Taylor Endowment	690.23		
Dividends on Bonds	7,366.52		
Store, Workroom and Caning	178.43		
Third and Fourth Weeks for Blind	4,368.85	Bank Balance May 31, 1927	22,673.20
	<u>\$ 26,250.30</u>		<u>\$ 26,250.30</u>

Distribution List

June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1927

Salaries :—Matrons	\$ 3,805.00	
Officers	8,610.31	
Physician	600.00	
Teachers	20,427.50	
Field Agent	509.55	
	—————	\$ 33,952.36
Wages		17,632.26
Provisions		13,333.99
Groceries		2,383.49
Fruit and Vegetables		4,323.10
Ice Plant		33.72
Fuel		4,226.09
Light and Power		1,348.97
Water		728.94
Dry Goods		368.50
Beds and Bedding		353.14
Furnishings and Household Supplies		1,190.88
Other Supplies :—Educational	\$1,251.36	
Grounds	82.11	
Laundry	402.91	
Miscellaneous	2,313.60	
	—————	\$ 4,049.98
State Retirement Fund		1,009.73
Postage, Office Supplies, Printing, etc.		1,016.24
Telephone and Telegraph		409.79
Repairs		10,660.60
Insurance		2,580.41
Interest		1,467.24
Traveling, Expressage, Conveyance, etc.		878.96
		—————
		\$101,948.39

NOTE: Included in this \$101,948.39 are May 1927 vouchers, not paid, but payable in June.

BANKER'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that there stands upon the books of this bank, at this date, the sum of \$1,294.37 in the General Fund, and \$22,673.20 in the Special Fund, to the credit of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind.

UNION NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH

By GEO. H. LEITCH, *Assistant Cashier.*

June 1, 1927.



1927 ALUMNI MEETING

This wide-awake and enthusiastic group of Alumni returns every two years to renew acquaintances, interchange plans and ideas, and work for the good of their Alma Mater.

Report of the Board of Directors

TO THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report to you the fact that our organization is in the best financial condition of its history. For many years, though educating exclusively pupils of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we have been compelled to run in debt and carry on our books deficits which have from time to time been only partially cleared by so-called deficiency appropriations. Either through failure of the legislature to appropriate, or adverse action by the governors in cutting the appropriations for education and maintenance of blind pupils, we had accumulated at the end of the 1923-25 biennium a deficiency amounting to over \$35,000.00.

Beginning the 1925-27 biennium, what appeared to be adequate funds for the education of blind pupils were appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction. From these funds at a rate based on our budget and determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, we have received prompt payment for the education of all pupils. While the total amount received has fallen short of expenditures on account of several unexpected items of extraordinary repairs, we are able to take care of the balance from the income of our special funds and show an actual balance for the present biennium. It now gives me still greater pleasure to report that, through the intelligent consideration of our financial problems by the recent legislature and Governor Fisher, we have been granted full reimbursement for our old unpaid balances. When this money is received, we shall be enabled to pay off notes at the bank and start the new year and biennium with practically a clean slate. I wish to express at this time our grateful appreciation to the legislators and

Governor Fisher for thus giving their practical endorsement to the work we are trying to do.

While our current financial outlook is favorable, it must be remembered that any considerable development or material improvement depends on the continued interest of our friends. To provide for future expansion and maintain our present standards, we should accumulate a considerable endowment, and I urge you to enlist the interest and cooperation of your philanthropic friends in adding to our special funds by contributions and bequests. Several such manifestations have come to us during the past year, and we gratefully acknowledge them at this time.

As we glance over the membership of our Boards of Directors and Corporators, we are again pleased to note that all have been spared for further service in this good work.

The terms of office of Directors W. W. Blackburn, John Crossan Dilworth, and James H. Hammond expire at this time. We heartily commend their faithful and efficient service, and I recommend their reappointment.

We are glad to recall the election of Dr. C. Wallace Petty, D.D., to our Board of Corporators at the last annual meeting and to inform you of his hearty acceptance and active interest in our organization.

We wish to commend the work of our very pleasing corps of efficient teachers and officers and assure them of our active cooperation.

It gives me pleasure to make this report and these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHOONMAKER,
President, Board of Directors.



GRADUATING CLASS—1927

Superintendent's Report

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Gentlemen:

For the year 1926-27, I am glad to report a period of progress and improvement along material lines. Progress may be noted in various departments and in different ways. New workers with new view points and enthusiasm have brought some enlivening influences; old workers through their contacts and studies with various outside schools have brought back new ideas and receive and give new impetus. A fine spirit of cooperation among the entire staff has permitted a smooth and unimpeded progression. All these influences are bound to react through the student body and its activities, and that has been our experience, as you may note in our more detailed reports.

In a boarding school such as ours, however, the mechanical or material environment and conditions must progress in supplement to the educational activities. Due to a hard working staff of domestics, mechanics, and engineers, who have served just as conscientiously as our other members in carrying on their different activities, we have been able to keep our equipment in fair shape and operating in an efficient manner. All phases of our large family life must needs work harmoniously to produce the greatest efficiency, and it has pleased me that we have experienced such harmonious cooperation during the past session.

The securing of an appraisal of our entire plant and equipment and the setting up on that basis of a new set of books and system of accounting, in accord with the State Educational Department standards, give us immediate access at all times to the status of our business and financial conditions. All such improvements, whether

in modernizing equipment or operating methods, are proving themselves economically sound as we gradually work our equipment back to a normal state of repairs.

Turning to an account of our school activities, I find that we have had a total enrollment of 161 pupils from ninety-one school districts in nineteen counties, with an average attendance of 138. There have been nineteen new admissions and four re-admissions. Our total county enrollment for the year is as follows:

Allegheny	77	Fayette	11
Armstrong	2	Greene	3
Beaver	8	Huntingdon	2
Blair	5	Indiana	1
Butler	2	Lawrence	10
Cambria	6	Mercer	3
Clearfield	4	Venango	2
Crawford	1	Washington	10
Elk	1	Westmoreland	10
Erie	3		—
Total			161

First, realizing that pupils and teachers alike can only do efficient work when properly nourished and housed, we have given considerable attention to the improvement in food values of our menus and the comfort of our living conditions. I feel that the slight increase in cost has no comparison with the results obtained, as indicated by our physician's report. There has been very little sickness and a minimum of contagion. Dr. Johnston reports, from averages obtained by regular systems of weighing in the physical education department, that among the girls only six-tenths of one per cent, and among the boys, two-tenths of one per cent, have failed to gain regularly.



TUNING DEPARTMENT HALLWAY
A glimpse down the corridor of our remodeled industrial building, showing piano tuning, brush making, and basket making rooms

Our dental department has been under the supervision of Dr. C. W. Hagan and the University of Pittsburgh dental clinic. I am glad
DENTAL CLINIC to commend the careful and thorough
work of the senior students from the
Dental School who have had charge of our work this
year.

The report of Dr. J. Clyde Markel, our school
Ophthalmologist, is encouraging, especially in one particular. Out of nineteen admissions this year, only two
OPHTHAL-
MOLOGIST show ophthalmia neonatorum as the
cause of blindness.

There was the usual number of changes in our
teaching staff, and I am glad to note
CHANGES that our new members have all proved
IN STAFF themselves and are taking an active
and social, as well as educational, interest in their work and pupils.

During this year, we suffered a great and unexpected loss in the death of our Principal, Mrs. Catherine de la Mache. Mrs. de la Mache was for twenty years an efficient teacher and wholesome inspiration to pupils and staff. Fitting and proper expressions and resolutions of regret and sympathy were passed by your Board of Directors and spread on the minutes of their deliberations. The death of Mrs. de la Mache, coming as it did in the midst of our school session, left a vacancy and presented a difficult problem. We were very fortunate, however, in having on our staff one whose personality, spirit, and work had already commended themselves in the estimation of the Superintendent, Principal, and teaching staff. In Miss Elizabeth Oberly, graduate of Oberlin College, teacher of two years' experience in the Washington School for the Blind, and since September, 1926, a member of our faculty, we seemed to have one worthy of promotion. Miss Oberly was therefore

given the appointment, and, I am glad to report, is proving herself a worthy successor ^{of} ~~to~~ our former loved and efficient Principal.

The Principal reports at the close of the year
an enrollment of 135 pupils—64 girls
PRINCIPAL'S and 71 boys. Of these, 17 are en-
REPORT rolled in the Kindergarten Depart-
ment, 98 in the Grammar Depart-
ment, and 20 in the High School Department.

The regular curriculum of studies has been followed and French and geometry added to the high school course. Our honor roll for the month of May contained 50 names of pupils who had attained an average in all subjects of 89.5% or over for the month. A boy in the high school department won the high school honor roll prize of \$5.00 with an honor roll average for the entire nine school months of 92.2%, and a girl won the grammar department honor roll prize of the same amount with an average of 93.4%.

The work has been somewhat handicapped by the lack of available and suitable text books in Revised Braille in some courses, but we expect that another year will see our library equipped with sufficient books in all departments.

A very valuable addition to our library this year was the gift of a complete copy of the Bible in Revised Braille, comprising twenty-one volumes, which was presented to the school by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Allderdiee in memory of Mr. Charles L. Taylor. The volumes are beautifully and substantially bound, and the embossing is an example of splendid workmanship. This gift now makes the Bible available to our pupils for reading and study.

Our Kindergarten Department, with a somewhat smaller enrollment, has done very good work, as was manifested by the excellent display of handwork and their closing entertainment. There are six promotions from the



CHAIR CANING

New quarters for our Chair Caning Department on the first floor of the Industrial building adds greatly to the attractiveness of this department.

Kindergarten Department to the Main Building, seven promotions from the Grammar Department to the High School Department, and five full credit graduations, diplomas being granted to three girls and two boys.

Our Commercial Department is rounding into shape, and we are planning a more comprehensive course for inauguration next fall. We hope to be able to get our typewriting equipment modernized by trading in some of our old worn-out machines on new equipment.

Mr. Mayer, Director of Music, reports the usual amount of work with very satisfactory results. He, however, deplores the lack of practice time available. This department has given the usual valuable assistance in all our public demonstrations and entertainments. I am sorry to have to report that Mr. Mayer is leaving us after a valuable service of nearly twenty years.

Our Industrial or Handwork Departments have made a very creditable showing this year, as their large exhibit of well-made articles will demonstrate. There are few new developments or departures from regular work. The tennis racket stringing in the boys' department is running on a commercial basis, the boys having turned out quite a number of well strung rackets. Several are planning on following up this line of work during their vacation and have secured their own equipment for their purpose. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to rearrange and equip our shop building to accommodate all our boys' handwork activities in well lighted and ventilated quarters. Some of our equipment still needs overhauling or replacement. We shall proceed with this as our finances permit.

All pupils have received regular physicial training, and instructors have cooperated well with our physician in maintaining a fit and sturdy student body. All teams have made fine show-ings in their various contests, though we have added no cup to our exhibit. Even in defeat, both boys and girls have shown a fine spirit of sportsmanship, which we consider most important and encouraging. The boys' alumni team succeeded in winning the Schoonmaker trophy for the first time from the school team.

I wish to commend to your appreciation the wonderful work accomplished for our school and the work for the blind generally by the fine organization of workers, known as "Pittsburgh Week for the Blind". Under the leadership of Mrs. F. C. Irish and her group of efficient assistants, this organization about tripled the results of last year. These results, both in the concrete and abstract, are far reaching and tend towards the betterment of the conditions of blind workers through the enlightenment and friendship of public spirited people. We cannot over-emphasize the value of this movement to our blind friends.

The report of our placement and field agent is very encouraging. Mr. Nickeson is a graduate of our school and is showing a keen as well as efficient interest in his work of checking up on prospective pupils, ex-pupils, and graduates, and the finding of employment for those capable of handling a job. The last paragraph of his report shows the spirit in which he is tackling his important job. He says, "Up to the present time, I have been able to place seven graduates and former pupils of our school in positions where they are able to make respectable livings, and I will not be satisfied until I am able to take every gradu-

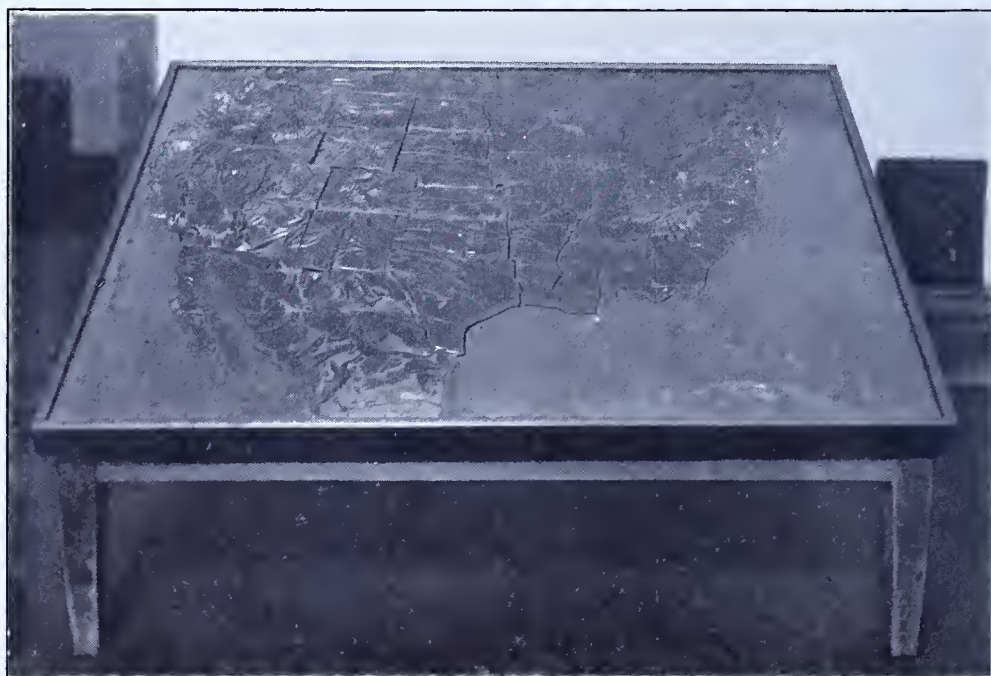
ate coming from the school, who has any ability and initiative, and place him in a position where he will be self-supporting.”

As I noted last year, several members of our staff have availed themselves of opportunities for further study and are bringing back new inspiration to our work. I am glad to find that several others are planning to continue their studies this summer. Some of these are participants in scholarships from the Henry Clay Frick Foundation which is doing such fine work in promoting the interest of teachers, in an exchange of ideas and methods, through study at different post-graduate schools. Our teachers appreciate and are profiting by these opportunities.

I wish to thank our Board of Directors for their co-operation and consistent attention to the duties imposed upon them as members of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. JOICE, *Superintendent.*



RELIEF MAP

One of the large dissected relief maps in use in our geography department.



Pupils' Dining Room

Report of Medical Director

June 2, 1927.

MR. B. S. JOICE, *Superintendent*,

Dear Sir:

Following our usual practice, the pupils on admission to the school were all examined for marks of successful vaccination, as required by the State, and among them were found two or three who had either never been vaccinated or had unsuccessful inoculations, and these children were promptly vaccinated successfully by us.

Of the serious contagious diseases, so prevalent during our winter months, we had but one case; this proved to be scarlet fever, found in the main building. This pupil was promptly removed to the Municipal Hospital, and the boys from the same dormitory were quarantined for a period of ten days, as prescribed by the Bureau of Health, and no further cases developed. In the kindergarten, we were quarantined for a very brief period because of a few cases of German measles, all of which were trivial and gave us no concern. There was one case of pneumonia, treated in the Children's Hospital, which made a good recovery. There were two cases of acute appendicitis, one operated upon at the Mercy Hospital and one whose parents refused operation and was taken home. The one operated upon made a good recovery, but we have no knowledge of the outcome of the other case. It was necessary to exclude one or two pupils from the school for a brief period because of contagious skin diseases.

During the month of December, we had a survey made of the weights of the different pupils, after a period of about three months in school. Among the boys, the percentage of those who did not gain weight was only two-tenths of one percent. Among the girls, during the same period, those who did not gain weight, the percentage was six-tenths of one percent. In other words,

under the diet supplied by the school during this period, almost all pupils, both boys and girls, gained weight steadily.

There have been three serious fractures of bones during the year, all studied by X-Ray and successfully treated at the Mercy Hospital. These cases were two fractures of the wrist and a fracture of the elbow.

The pupils from both the boys' and girls' departments were passed upon by us before the athletic contests held in the spring.

The great need among a high percentage of the students is the removal of tonsils and adenoids, and we are having as many of these done as possible at the various clinics.

We again pay tribute to the watchful care of the governesses and the cooperation of the physical instructors.

Respectfully,

J. I. JOHNSTON, M.D., F.A.C.P.



GEO. M. REED HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT.



DENTAL ROOM

The Dental College of the University of Pittsburgh maintains a clinic in our dental room, furnishing prompt and adequate service in the maintenance of this important phase of student health.

Report of Dental Surgeon

May 28, 1927.

MR. B. S. JOICE, *Superintendent*,

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find report of the work done in the dental clinic of the School for the Blind during the year ending May 31st, 1927:

Number of Visits	39
Number of Patients	178

OPERATIONS PERFORMED

Prophylaxis	122
Amalgam Fillings	112
Cement Fillings	9
Silicate Fillings	11
Gutta Percha Fillings	5
Pulps Removed	5
Roots Treated	34
Roots Filled	4
Extractions	96
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Total	398

Yours very truly,

H. E. FRIESELL.

Report of Ophthalmologist

May 31, 1927.

MR. B. S. JOICE, *Superintendent,*

Dear Sir:

During the past year, there were nineteen students admitted to the Institution. Three of these for various reasons left before the Ophthalmologist had an opportunity of examining them.

The causes and conditions of defective vision in the remaining number, as far as could be determined, are as follows:

Congenital cataracts	4
Accident, sympathetic ophthalmia	2
Buphthalmos	2
Atrophy of the optic nerve	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum	2
Detachment of the retina	1
Chorio-retinitis	1
Phthisis bulbi	1
Tubercular uveitis	1

The degree of defective vision varied as follows:

Blind in both eyes	1
Light perception in better eye	6
Movements of hand	1
Ability to count fingers	2
Ability to read with difficulty	6

The following is a classification of the causes and conditions of blindness, according to our records, of the entire enrollment for the past year:

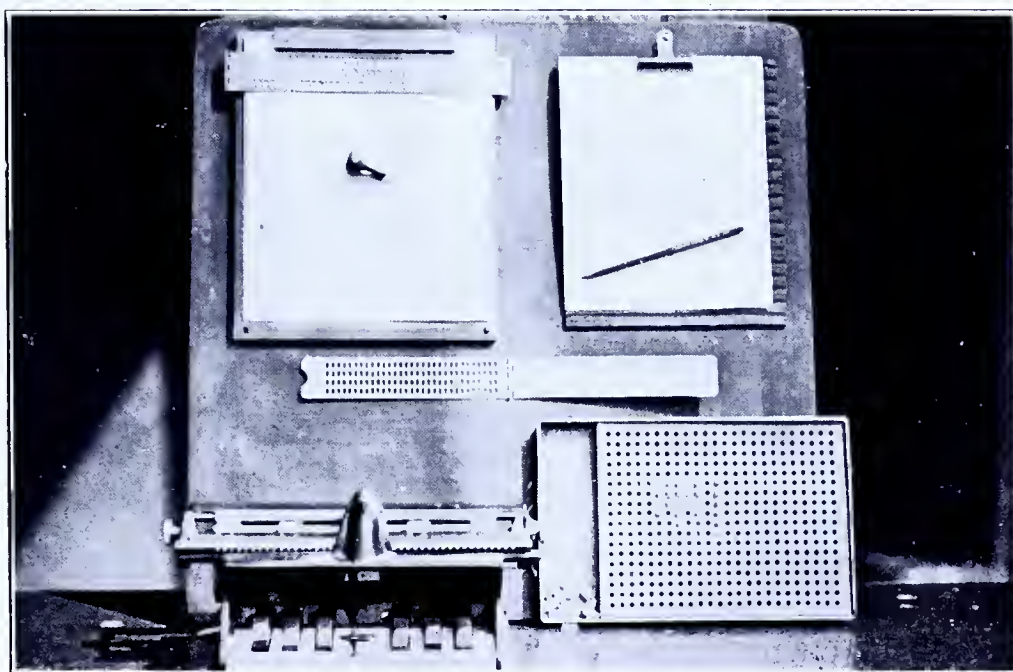
Accident	16	Inherited Lues	4
Atrophy of Optic Nerve	22	Measles	2
Buphthalmos	4	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	41
Chorio Retinitis	1	Phthisis Bulbi	3
Chronic Myopia	2	Retinitis	2
Cloroiditis	2	Scarlet Fever	1
Congenital	30	Spinal Meningitis	1
Congenital Cataract	22	Trachoma	1
Corneal Ulcers	2	Tubercular Uveitis	1
Iritis	1	Unknown	2
Infectious Fever	1		

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Respectfully submitted,

J. CLYDE MARKEL,

Ophthalmologist.



SOME OF THE APPARATUS USED BY THE BLIND

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1—Braille Desk Slate and Stylus. | 3—Braille Pocket Slate. |
| 2—Pencil Writing Tablet. | 4—Braille Writer. |
| 5—Taylor Arithmetic Slate. | |

Acknowledgments

We desire to express appreciation for the numerous contributions and courtesies received, which have been most helpful in carrying on the work of the school.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. James B. Stevenson	\$25.00
Mrs. Wallace H. Rowe	25.00
A Friend	2.00
Women's Club of Swissvale	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Veneill	10.00
Mr. Oliver C. Hurst	15.00
Mr. Henry Buhl, Jr.	25.00

TICKETS FOR CONCERTS, LECTURES, AND PLAYS

Mrs. James H. Lockhart, Pittsburgh-Apollo Male Chorus, American Guild of Organists, Nurses' Club of Pittsburgh, Tuesday Musical Club, University of Pittsburgh, Mrs. F. W. Miner.

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS

American Printing House for the Blind, "Our Own"; "Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind; Universal Braille Press, "The Mirror"; Catholic Review; Christian Record Publishing Company, "Christian Record"; Society for the Aid of the Sightless, "Messenger to the Sightless"; International Lions, "Juvenile Braille Monthly"; "The United Presbyterian"; also various Schools for the Deaf and Blind throughout the United States for copies of their school papers; the daily and weekly papers of Pittsburgh for valuable service in giving notices of entertainments by the pupils and information concerning the character and purpose of this school.

MISCELLANEOUS

Automobile Club of Pittsburgh, picnic outing for school; Department of Public Parks, plants; Mr. Charles F. Meyer, lunch boxes, etc. for pupils; Mr. L. E. Barnes, Ampico records; Mrs. Weisner, dolls; Mrs. T. F. Lenigan, piano; Dr. J. I. Johnston, clothing; Max Goodman & Son, crochet and embroidery yarn; Mrs. Thomas P. Wright, shoes for pupil; Mr. W. E. Wright, clothing for pupil; Mrs. Meyers, overcoat; Mr. J. H. Hammond, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for entire school; Shriners' Syria Santa, gifts and candy for entire school; Mrs. A. L. Vencill, toys and books; Mr. W. W. Blackburn, candy for entire school; Edwards, George & Company, calendars; Girls' Reserve, South Hills Junior High School, toys; Mrs. J. Bokeman, candy; Mrs. J. H. Lockhart, piano; East Liberty Presbyterian Sunday School, dolls; Farmers Deposit National Bank, calendars; Bellefield Presbyterian Church, candy; Mrs. D. T. Jonas, stockings; Dr. and Mrs. Walter Singley, artificial eye for pupil; Calvary Lutheran Sunday School, coat for pupil; American Brotherhood of Free Reading for the Blind, Braille book; Miss Jennie Moore, Christmas stockings and candy; Calvary Lutheran Sunday School, clothing; Mrs. Thomas P. Wright, candy; Mrs. Herman Herold, candy; Mrs. John Walker, toys; Mrs. Weisner, toys; Mrs. A. L. Vencill, clothing; Mrs. Jessie A. Heasley, 2 slides for Kindergarten; Mr. L. B. Snow, clothing; Mrs. W. W. Starkey, Easter candy eggs; Commission on City Planning, shade trees.



TWISTED WIRE BRUSH MAKING

A new feature and one which promises excellent industrial possibilities is the making of twisted wire brushes of various designs.

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS

June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1927

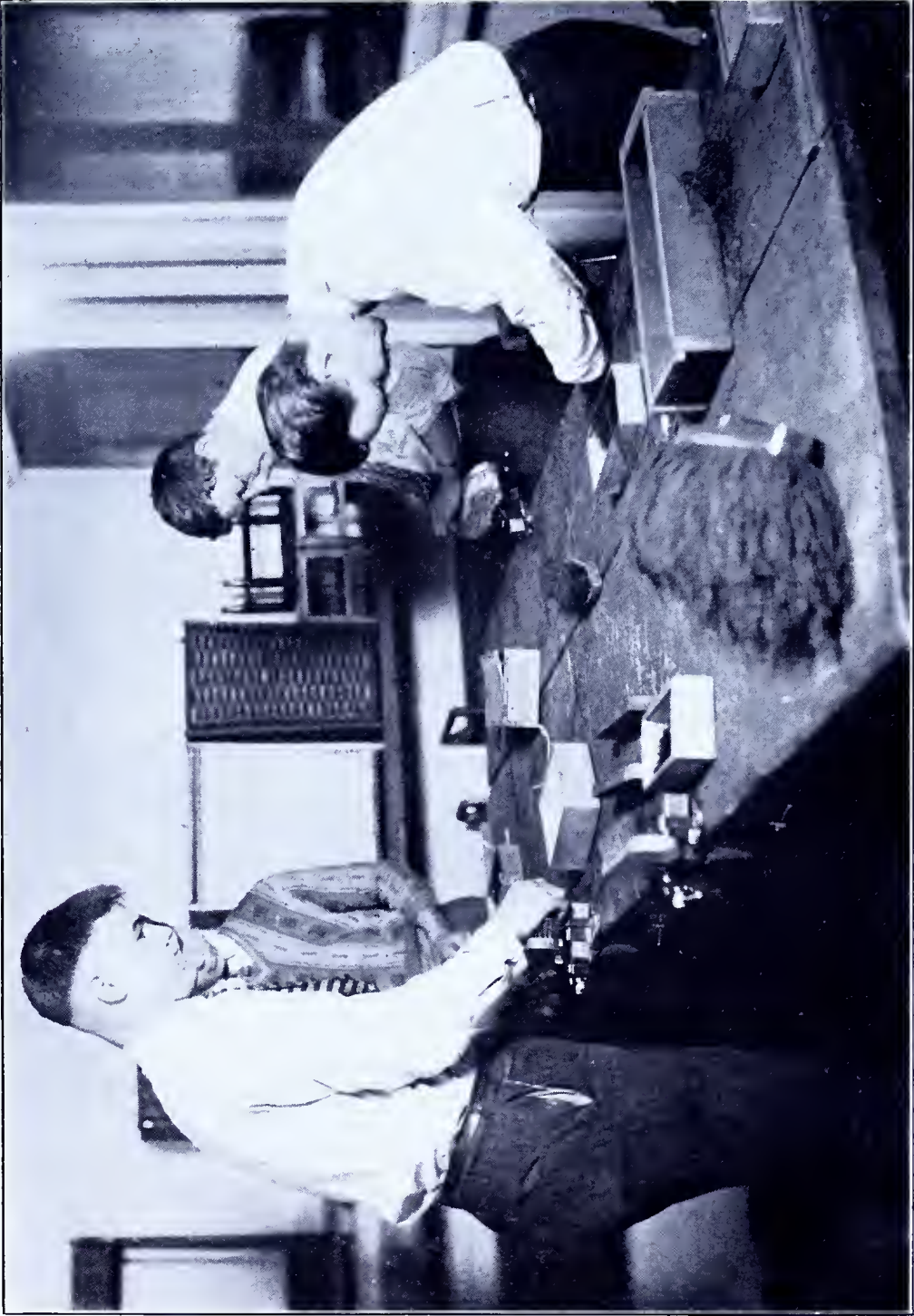
BOYS

ENROLLMENT 83

<i>Name</i>	<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Public School District</i>	<i>County</i>
ASCIONE, SAMUEL	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
ASTERINO, SAMUEL	Sewickley	Sewickley Hghts. Boro	Allegheny
BARKER, ROBERT	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon Boro	Allegheny
BASSETT, WILLIAM	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
BENHAM, THOMAS	Bellevue	Bellevue Boro	Allegheny
BREAKIRON, ARTHUR	Carrick	Carrick Boro	Allegheny
BUCK, J. RAYMOND	Tyrone	Warriors Mark Twp.	Blair
BURCHFIELD, DONALD	Altoona	Altoona City	Blair
CAIN, ISAAC	Pitcairn	Patton Twp.	Allegheny
CAMPBELL, JOHN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
CARROLL, THEODORE	Elco	Elco Boro	Washington
CARSON, JOSEPH	Bridgeville	Bridgeville Boro	Allegheny
CROFT, GEREL	Altoona	Altoona City	Blair
DAILEY, WENDELL	Greensburg	Latrobe Boro	Westmoreland
DOLINSKI, WILLIAM	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
DOUGHERTY, GEORGE	Munhall	Juvenile Court	Allegheny
DOUGLAS, PAUL	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
DUNHOFF, EDWIN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
DYMOND, FRED	Hickman	Collier Twp.	Allegheny
EDWARDS, DUANE	Ebensburg	Barr Twp.	Cambria
ETLING, HARRY	Connellsville	Bullskin Twp.	Fayette
FERET, ANTHONY	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
FREED, ROBERT	Wampum	Big Beaver Twp.	Beaver
FURMAN, MICHAEL	Portage		Cambria
GALLINETTI, JOHN	Scottdale	Upper Tyrone Twp.	Fayette
GLICKSON, CARL	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
GRABOWSKI, JOSEPH	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
GREENLEE, RALPH	Waynesburg	Franklin Twp.	Greene
HEROLD, GEORGE	Knoxville	Mt. Oliver Boro	Allegheny
HERWOOD, JOHN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
JONES, JAMES	Johnstown	Upper Yoder Twp.	Cambria
KAUFMAN, OLIVER	Mt. Oliver	Knoxville Boro	Allegheny
KEIB, EDWARD	Euelid	Center Twp.	Butler
KELLEY, PAUL	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
KENDER, JOHN	Homestead	Homestead Boro	Allegheny
KERR, KENNETH	Swissvale	Swissvale Boro	Allegheny
KOERNER, WILLIAM	Emsworth	Emsworth Boro	Allegheny
KRAVITZ, CHARLES	Masontown	German Twp.	Fayette
LAMM, ROBERT	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
LAYTON, EDWIN	Johnstown	Lower Yoder Twp.	Cambria
LESTER, WILLIAM	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
LORBER, HARRY	Monongahela	Monongahela City	Washington
LOSTLEN, JAMES	New Eagle	New Eagle Boro	Washington
MCGILL, ISAAC	Monongahela	Monongahela City	Washington
MCINTOSH, JOHN	Lilly	Lilly Boro	Cambria
MMICHAEL, JOHN	New Brighton	New Brighton Boro	Beaver

BOYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Public School District</i>	<i>County</i>
McWILLIAMS, FRED	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
MILLER, NICKLES	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
MOHLER, JOHN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
NUSSBAUMER, ARTHUR	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
ORIO, PETER	Kittanning	Cowanshann'k Twp.	Armstrong
PATTERSON, EDGAR	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
PAUL, HOWARD	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
PLAISTED, EDWARD	Butler	Butler Twp.	Butler
POCEVICH, JOHN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
PORTER, CLIFFORD	Greesburg	Greensburg Boro	Westmoreland
RENNER, CHARLES	Washington	City of Washington	Washington
RISKO, GEORGE	Uniontown	German Twp.	Fayette
ROBINSON, JOHN	North Pitcairn	Patton Twp.	Allegheny
ROSENBERGER, RAYMOND	Ambridge	Ambridge Boro	Beaver
SCHURM, DONALD	Sharpsville	Sharpsville Boro	Mercer
SELL, JAMES	Derry	Derry Boro	Westmoreland
SMITH, LYSLE	Latrobe	Unity Twp.	Westmoreland
SPEERHAS, EDWARD	Rochester	Rochester Twp.	Beaver
SPORSIC, WILLIAM	McKees Rocks	McKees Rocks Boro	Allegheny
SRAMICH, STEPHEN	Woodlawn	Woodlawn Boro	Beaver
STARKEY, SAMUEL	Avalon	Avalon Boro	Allegheny
STONE, RALPH	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
SUMNER, LOY	Ellwood City	Ellwood City	Lawrence
THOMPSON, FRED	McConnellstown	Walker Twp.	Huntingdon
TURBETT, WILLIAM	Huntingdon	Huntingdon Boro	Huntingdon
VANDENBORD, FRANK	Ambridge	Ambridge Boro	Beaver
VASEY, RUSSELL	Altoona	Altoona City	Blair
VATSI, JOHN	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
VIGNONE, SAMUEL	McKees Rocks	Stowe Twp.	Allegheny
WALLACE, CHARLES	Etna	Etna Boro	Allegheny
WALSH, STEPHEN	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
WASHINGTON, WILBERT	Allison	Redstone Twp.	Fayette
WIEGLE, HOWARD	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
WOLOSZYN, BRUNO	Franklin	Franklin City	Venango
WOLOSZYN, JOHN	Franklin	Franklin City	Venango
WRIGHT, JAMES	Homestead	Munhall Boro	Allegheny
YANKESKEY, EDWARD	Mather	Morgan Twp.	Greene



BRUSH MAKING
An excellent occupation for certain localities which requires little equipment.

GIRLS

ENROLLMENT 78

<i>Name</i>	<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Public School District</i>	<i>County</i>
ALDENHOVEN, CONSTANCE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
AMADO, GENEVIEVE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
BARRON, STELLA	Altoona	Altoona City	Blair
BARTON, RUTH	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
BLAKELY, AUTUMN	Erie	Erie City	Erie
BOLAM, ROSE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
BOLOMBINI, MARY	Duquesne	Duquesne Boro	Allegheny
BOOTERRAUGH, NAOMI	Gallitzin	Gallitzin Twp.	Cambria
BRADY, MARY	Thornburg	Thornburg Boro	Allegheny
CAMPBELL, MARY	North Braddock	North Braddock Boro	Allegheny
CANFIELD, GLADYS	Corry	Corry City	Erie
CARLISLE, ASENATH	Beaver	Beaver Boro	Beaver
CARMAN, JOSEPHINE	Conneaut Lake	E. Fallowfield Twp.	Crawford
COLLINS, GRACE	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg Boro	Allegheny
COOPER, LOUISE	Ben Avon	Ben Avon Boro	Allegheny
CRETZA, ECRIVA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
DENTON, VERA	Glen Richey	Lawrence Twp.	Clearfield
DRAKE, HELEN	Hookstown	Hanover Twp.	Beaver
EDMUNDS, AGNES	Pittsburgh	Juvenile Court	Allegheny
FOX, HELEN	DuBois	DuBois City	Clearfield
FOX, MARGARET	DuBois	DuBois City	Clearfield
GERLOCK, LAURA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
GREENER, MILDRED	Erie	Erie City	Erie
HENNESSY, ANNA	Mather	Morgan Twp.	Greene
HEWLETT, ARLIE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
HIRSCH, MOLLIE	East Pittsburgh	East Pittsburgh Boro	Allegheny
HOFFER, SUSANNAH	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
HOSTETLER, THIELMA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
HUNTER, DOROTHY	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
ICHER, ETHEL	Sagamore	Conemaugh Twp.	Armstrong
JACOBS, MAXINE	McKees Rocks	Stowe Twp.	Allegheny
JONES, RUTH	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
KAUFMAN, EVELYN	Brownsville	Brownsville Boro	Fayette
KENNEDY, JEAN	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg Boro	Allegheny
KILDARE, GRACE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
KING, ISABEL	Deer Lick	Morris Twp.	Greene
KONIECZKA, JOSEPHINE	Pittsburgh	Juvenile Court	Allegheny
LANN, HAZEL	New Kensington	New Kensington Boro	Westmoreland
LAUGHERY, EVELYN	Mill Run	Springfield Twp.	Fayette
LINNERT, FRIEDA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
MANZETTI, MARY	Beaver Falls	City of Beaver Falls	Beaver
MARMION, CATHERINE	Sharon	Sharon City	Mercer
MAY, CATHERINE	Houtzdale	Houtzdale Boro	Clearfield
MACINTOSH, GENEVIEVE	Uniontown	South Union Twp.	Fayette
MILLER, LEILA	Normalville	Springfield Twp.	Fayette
MONTGOMERY, PERCY	Whitsett	Perry Twp.	Fayette
MOTTA, ELSIE	Ellwood City	Ellwood City	Lawrence
MOTUS, SOPHIA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
NEARY, RUANNA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
OLNICK, VIOLA	Mooween	Conemaugh Twp.	Indiana

GIRLS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Post Office</i>	<i>Public School District</i>	<i>County</i>
OSBORNE, MARTHA	Irwin	Irwin Boro	Westmoreland
POMPOSINI, MAMIE	Saltsburg	Conemaugh Twp.	Indiana
QUARRICK, HELEN	Brownsville	Redstone Twp.	Fayette
QUARRICK, ROSE	Brownsville	Redstone Twp.	Fayette
REEDER, ANNA	Ridgway	Ridgway Boro	Elk
RILEY, BERNICE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
ROCKWELL, GARNET	Altoona	Logan Twp.	Blair
ROTH, GERTRUDE	Braddock	Braddock Boro	Allegheny
ROUTSON, HARRIET	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
SALKO, HELEN	Washington	Children's Home	Washington
SCALES, ELLA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
SCARTON, IDA	Cecil	Cecil Boro	Washington
SZALAY, AGNES	Ligonier	Ligonier Twp.	Westmoreland
SERAFINO, NELLIE	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
SHIPE, SEVILLA	Oakmont	Oakmont Boro	Allegheny
SNYDER, ANNIE	Homestead	Juvenile Court	Allegheny
STEPHENSON, ELEANOR	New Castle	New Castle City	Lawrence
SULLIVAN, ADELAIDE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
SWIETAK, JOSEPHINE	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
SZATKOWSKI, BLANCHE	Munhall	Munhall Boro	Allegheny
THOMPSON, ANNA	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon Boro	Allegheny
TUCKER, GLADYS	Washington	City of Washington	Washington
VOLNCZIUS, JULIA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
WALKER, HELEN	Dunn Station	Washington Twp.	Greene
WILBRAHAM, LORETTA	Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh	Allegheny
WITZELL, EDITH	New Kensington	New Kensington Boro	Westmoreland
YOUSKO, DOROTHY	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Twp.	Westmoreland
YOUSKO, GEORGIE	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Twp.	Westmoreland



SENIOR GIRLS' SITTING ROOM

The senior girls enjoy a recreation period in their own sitting room.

Revised Braille Grade One and One Half

ALPHABET	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
NUMERALS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
WHOLE-WORD	a	but	can	do	every	from	go	have		just
Line 1										
ALPHABET	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t
WHOLE-WORD	knowledge	like	more	not		people	quite	rather	so	that
Line 2										
ALPHABET	u	v	x	y	z	ç	é	à	è	ù
WHOLE-WORD	us	very	it	you	as	and	for	of	the	with
PART-WORD						and	for	of	the	with
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PART-WORD									in	
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By-Laws

FOR THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Made and adopted by the members of the Corporation, at a general meeting called for that purpose, and held March 17th, 1887, with such amendments as have been made at various meetings of the Corporation, including the annual meeting held March 14th, 1888, and at the Directors' meeting.

BUSINESS

1. The business of this Corporation shall be managed and conducted by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Board of Directors, a Clerk or Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers, Agents, and Committees as may be appointed from time to time by the Directors.

DIRECTORS

2. The Directors shall be chosen annually by the members of the Corporation, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Directors shall be divided into three classes, and three of them shall be elected for a term of one year, three for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years, respectively: and, at all ensuing elections of said Corporation, the Corporation shall only elect the number of Directors necessary to take the places of those whose terms of office shall then expire, and such Directors shall then be chosen for a term of three years.

ANNUAL MEETING

3. The annual meeting of the Corporation for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business shall be held on the first Monday of May in each year succeeding the present, in the City of Pittsburgh. Special meetings of the members of the Corporation may

be called by the Directors when necessary. Notice of all annual meetings shall be published in one newspaper in the City of Pittsburgh at least five days prior to any such meeting.

By action of the Board of Directors, at the regular monthly meeting in March, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, By-Law Three has been amended to read as follows: "The annual meeting of the Corporation for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business shall be held commencing this year on the first Monday of June following the first Tuesday of June and in each year succeeding, in the City of Pittsburgh."

SECRETARY

4. The Clerk or Secretary shall record all the votes of the Corporation, and the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation, and also of the Board of Directors, in a book kept for that purpose.

TREASURER

5. The Treasurer shall give bond in the sum of \$5,000, with such securities as the Directors may require, for the faithful discharge of his duties; and he shall keep the moneys of the Corporation in a separate account, and report to the Directors whenever required. He shall pay all warrants drawn by the Executive Committee and countersigned by the Secretary.

PRESIDENT

6. The President, or one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Directors, and at meetings of the members of the Corporation, and shall have and exercise all the powers which ordinarily belong to the presiding officer of representing bodies.

QUORUM

7. A majority of the members of the Corporation, who are present at any regularly called meeting, shall be

competent to transact business. Members may attend in person or proxy.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS

8. The Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies in the Board, which may happen by death, resignation, or otherwise.

9. The Directors shall have power to make and enforce all such rules and orders as they may deem reasonable or necessary for the management of the affairs and business of the Corporation, and for the government of its agents and employees.

MEMBERSHIP

10. In addition to the Corporators named in the Charter, members may be admitted by the Corporators upon the following terms: Contributors of sums of money or other property to the value of \$500 may be elected to life membership; and annual contributors of not less than \$50 may be elected to membership, but, in the later case, such membership shall terminate upon default of such annual contribution. All members of the Corporation shall during the period of their membership be entitled to vote at all general meetings of the Corporators.

By action of the Board of Directors, at the regular monthly meeting in April, nineteen hundred and ten, By-Law Ten has been amended by striking out the following words: "Upon the following terms: Contributors of sums of money or other property to the value of \$500 may be elected to life membership; and annual contributors of not less than \$50 may be elected to membership, but, in the latter case, such membership shall terminate upon default of such contribution."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

11. The President shall, at the organization of the Board each year, appoint an Executive Committee consisting of five members of the Board of Directors, who shall examine and approve all bills, and when found in

order, issue warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of the same. All bills must be approved by the Executive Committee, and every warrant drawn on the Treasurer must be signed by the Chairman of that Committee.

12. The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee of three members, who shall annually audit the accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer, or other officers, and make report thereof to the Board of Directors, and also to the Corporators.

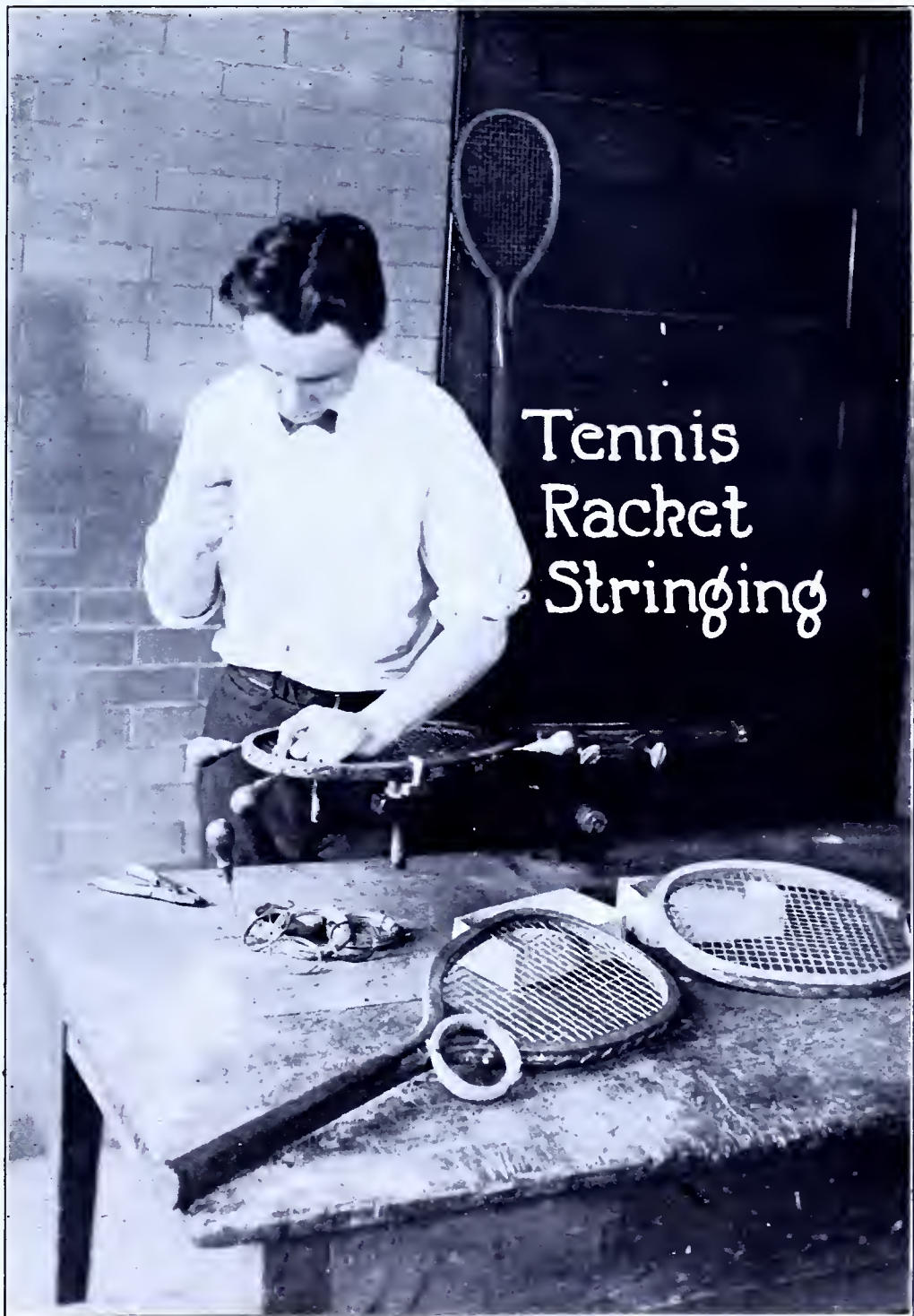
AMENDMENTS

13. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of those present, at any regular meeting of the Directors, provided due notice has been given at a previous meeting, and not otherwise.

VISITING COMMITTEE

14. At the organization of the Board of Directors each year, the President shall divide the members into committees of two members each, whose duty it shall be in course, month by month, as individually appointed, to spend a part of one day at the Institution, inspect the buildings, visit the class rooms, consult with the Superintendent as to the interests of the school, and report to the Board at its next monthly meeting.

By the action of the Board of Directors, at the regular monthly meeting in November, nineteen hundred and eleven, By-Law Fourteen has been amended to read as follows: "At the organization of the Board of Directors each year, the President shall appoint committees of two members each, one a member of the Board of Directors and the other a member of the Board of Corporators, whose duty it shall be in course, month by month, as individually appointed, to spend part of one day at the Institution, inspect the building, visit the class rooms, consult with the Superintendent as to the interests of the school, and report to the Board at its next monthly meeting."



Several of our boys are finding the re-stringing of tennis rackets a lucrative activity for their vacation periods. This promises to be an excellent side line where the location provides a demand for this type of work.

Sections of the Pennsylvania School Code, as Amended, Referring to Education of the Blind

Section 1413, act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), as amended by act of July 22, 1919, (P. L. 1090), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand four hundred thirteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended by an act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand ninety), entitled "An act to amend section one thousand four hundred and thirteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith, by providing for the special education of certain children incapable of receiving proper education in the regular classes of the public schools," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Report of children needing special education.

Section 1413. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the school board, teachers, *school enumerators*, and attendance officers, in every school district in this Commonwealth, in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to secure information and report to the medical inspector of the school district and to the district or county superintendent of schools, on or before the fifteenth day of October of each year, every child within said district, between the ages of eight (8)

By officers of school districts.

and sixteen (16) years, who is gravely retarded in his or her school work, or *any child between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16)* who, because of apparent exceptional physical or mental condition, is not being properly educated and trained, and as soon thereafter as possible, the medical inspector shall examine such child, in accordance with rules of procedure prescribed by the [Commissioner] *Secretary* of Health, and report whether such child is a fit subject for special education and training. In school districts of the first, second, and third class, having a district superintendent of schools, said report shall be made to the superintendent of the district. In all other districts, the report shall be made to the [Commissioner] *Secretary* of Health and by him reported to the superintendent of schools of the county. *Pupils may also be designated as candidates for special education by mental clinics approved by the Council of Education, or by a psychologist or a psychological examiner who has been certified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and is employed by any school district.*

By mental clinics
or psychologist.

The county or district superintendent of schools shall submit to the board or boards of school directors plans for establishing and maintaining special classes in the public schools or special public schools for the proper education and training of all such children reported to him as fit subjects for special education and training, and it shall be the duty of the board of directors of any district having such children to provide and maintain, or to jointly provide and maintain with neighboring districts, such special classes or schools: Provided, however, That if it is not feasible to form a special class with a minimum attendance of ten children in any district, or if for any other reason it is not feasible to provide such education for any such child in the public schools of the district, the board of school directors of that district shall, [if the parents or guardians of said child give written consent] *unless approved provision for the education of such child is made by the parents or guardian*, secure such proper education and training outside the public schools of the district, or in special institutions, *or by providing for teaching the child in his home by a legally certified teacher*, on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the terms of this act or of any other act then in force applicable to such children.

Plans for schools.

Joint schools.

Special provision
for such children.

Reimbursement for
special classes or
schools.

School districts maintaining special classes in the public schools or special public schools or providing special education, as hereinbefore specified in this section, shall receive reimbursement, as [hereinafter] provided *by law*, so long as such classes, such schools, and such special education as approved by the State [Board] *Council* of Education as to location, constitution and size of classes, conditions of admission and discharge of pupils, equipment, courses of study, methods of instruction, and qualifications of teachers.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall superintend the organization of such *special* classes *and such other arrangements for special education*, and shall enforce the provisions of this act.

[On or before the first day of October of each year, the president and secretary of each board of school directors shall report to the proper county or district superintendent the amount expended by the district in the preceding school year for instruction in such classes or such schools or for such instruction outside the public schools of the district. On or before the first day of November of each year, the said county or district superintendent shall make to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on blanks to be furnished by him, tabulated returns by districts of the amounts so expended for instruction in special classes or special schools within the school district or in the provision of special instruction outside the public schools of the district. There shall be paid to each district by order on the State Treasurer, signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, from funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, an amount equal to one-half the total expense incurred by said district for instruction in such special classes and special public schools and in the provision of such special instruction outside the public schools of the district.]

Reports.

On or before the first day of October of each year, the secretary of the board of school directors in each district in which special education for physically or mentally handicapped children is provided shall make such reports in regard to such special education maintained during the previous school year, and that for which the approval of the State Council of Education for the current year is desired, as may be required by the Department of Public Instruction. When any

Blind or deaf children. Payment of
tuition and maintenance.

child between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years of age resident in this Commonwealth, who is blind or deaf, is enrolled, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, as a pupil in any of the schools or institutions for the blind or deaf, under the supervision of and approved by the Department of Public Instruction, the school district in which such child is resident shall pay twenty-five per centum (25%) of the cost of tuition and maintenance of such child in such school or institution, as determined by the Department of Public Instruction; and for the tuition and maintenance of such children the Commonwealth shall pay, out of funds appropriated to the department for special education, seventy-five per centum (75%) of the cost of their tuition and maintenance, as determined by the department. When any person less than six (6) or more than twenty-one (21) years of age resident in this Commonwealth, who is blind or deaf, is enrolled, with the approval of the Department of Public Instruction, as a pupil in any of the schools or institutions for the blind or deaf, under the supervision of and approved by the Department of Public Instruction, the Commonwealth shall pay to such school or institution, out of moneys appropriated to the department for special education, the cost of tuition and maintenance of such person, as determined by the Department of Public Instruction. To facilitate payments by the several school districts, to the schools or institutions in which deaf or blind children are enrolled, of amounts due by such districts for their proportion of the cost of tuition and maintenance of such children, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold, from any moneys due to such districts out of any State appropriation for the assistance as reimbursement of school districts, the amounts due by such districts to such schools or institutions for the blind or the deaf, and amounts so withheld shall be paid to such schools or institutions by warrant of the Auditor General upon the State Treasurer, after requisition of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for which purpose all amounts so withheld are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction. Payments of the Commonwealth's proportion of the cost of tuition and maintenance of blind or deaf pupils enrolled in schools or institutions for the blind or for

By school district.

By Commonwealth.

Payment to schools
by Commonwealth.

Withholding share
of districts from
State appropriation.

Payment made
quarterly.

Statements from
institutions.

the deaf, as hereinbefore provided, shall be made quarterly out of moneys appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for special education, by warrant of the Auditor General upon the State Treasurer, after requisition by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For the purpose of enabling the Department of Public Instruction to determine from time to time what amounts are due to schools for the blind or for the deaf hereunder, such schools shall forward to the department, at such times and in such form as the department shall prescribe, sworn statements setting forth the names, ages, and residence of all pupils enrolled hereunder, specifying the school districts liable for a part of the cost of tuition and maintenance of any such pupils, the per capita cost of and maintenance of pupils, and such other information as the department shall require.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Act of the General Assembly No. 46.

CLYDE L. KING,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand four hundred and forty of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled “An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith,” which section was added to the said act by the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred and six), entitled “An act to amend section one thousand four hundred thirty-nine of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, entitled “An act to establish a public school system in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith; as amended, and adding thereto section one thousand four hundred forty," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1440. The [State Board of Education] *Department of Public Instruction* is authorized to make provisions for [readers for] *defraying the necessary expense of any* students who are blind or deaf and [in attendance upon higher institutions of learning] *are regularly enrolled students pursuing any course of study, profession, art, or science in any university, college, conservatory of music, normal, professional, or vocational school approved by the Department of Public Instruction, and who are residents of the Commonwealth.* Before any contract is entered into, the [State Board of Education] *Department of Public Instruction* shall make a careful investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the case; and if, after such investigation, it appears that any blind or deaf student who desires to attend [a higher] *any such school or institution* [of learning], or who is attending such *school or institution*, [and] seems to be fitted for special work, the [State Board of Education] *Department of Public Instruction* is authorized to expend [an] *the necessary* amount, out of the general sum appropriated for this purpose, not to exceed [three] *five* hundred dollars per year for each such blind or deaf student.

Section 1440 of act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 399), amended.

Expenses of blind or deaf students in college and other schools.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Act of the General Assembly No. 47.

CLYDE L. KING,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That an act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and ninety-six), entitled "An act providing for the time

during which pupils may be taught in institutions for the instruction of the blind in this Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Act of May 16,
1909 (P. L. 196),
amended to apply
to institutions for
deaf.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the time for which pupils of this Commonwealth may be taught in institutions *or schools* for the instruction of the blind *or for the deaf*, [under appropriations made by the Legislature] *in whole or in part at the expense of the Commonwealth*, shall extend such number of years from the time of entering said institutions *or schools* as [the respective board of managers of such institutions may determine to be advantageous for such pupils] *may be approved by the Department of Public Instruction*.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Act of the General Assembly No. 48.

CLYDE L. KING,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand four hundred and fourteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended by an act, approved the eighteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, fifty-eight), entitled "An act to amend section one thousand four hundred and fourteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled 'An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same,

and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith.''' and further amended by an act, approved the twenty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand and eighty-four), entitled ''An act to amend section one thousand four hundred and fourteen of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled 'An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith.''' be further amended to read as follows:

Section 1414. Every child having a legal residence in this Commonwealth, as herein provided, between the ages of eight and sixteen years, is required to attend a day school in which the common English branches provided for in this act are taught *in the English language*; and every parent, guardian, or other person, in this Commonwealth having control or charge of any child or children, between the ages of eight and sixteen years, is required to send such child or children to a day school in which the common English branches are taught *in the English language*; and such child or children shall attend such school continuously through the entire term, during which the public elementary schools in their respective districts shall be in session; Provided, that the certificate of any principal or teacher of a private school, or of any institution for the education of children, in which the common English branches are taught *in the English language*, setting forth that the work of said school is in compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof. Regular daily instruction in the English language, for the time herein required, by a properly qualified private tutor, shall be considered as complying with the provisions of this section, if such instruction is satisfactory to the proper county or district superintendent of schools.

Public school system.

Attendance.

Section 1414, Act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), further amended.

Special provision
for deaf or blind
children.

Every parent, guardian, or other person in this Commonwealth having control or charge of any child between the ages of six and sixteen years who is deaf or blind, or is so crippled, or whose hearing or vision is so defective as to make it impracticable to have such child educated in the public schools of the district in which he is a resident, shall allow such child to be sent to some school where proper provision is made for the education of the deaf, or of the blind, or of crippled children, or shall provide for the tuition of such child by a legally certified private tutor.

Provided further, That the board of school directors in any district of the fourth class may, at a meeting held at any time before the opening of the school term, reduce the period of compulsory attendance for pupils twelve years of age or more to not less than seventy per centum of the school term as fixed in such district, in which case, however, the board of school directors must, at the same time, fix the period for the compulsory attendance to begin.

APPROVED—The 26th day of March, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Act of the General Assembly No. 49.

CLYDE L. KING,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

FORM OF BEQUEST

to the

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

I give and bequeath to the WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, located at Bellefield Avenue and Bayard Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the sum of

..... Dollars.

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(Name)

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(Address)

